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Classified By: Ambassador James F. Jeffrey for reason 1.4 (b, d)

¶1. (C) During her November 18 Missile Defense consultations in Ankara (septel), U/S Tauscher reviewed the basic outline of our proposed NATO Ministerial Communique Missile Defense Language (as per reftel para 2) with top Turkish General Staff and Foreign Ministry officials. While the Turks did not comment specifically, they appeared reassured at our proposed language as a first step toward meeting their bottom line Missile Defense request of a -- to the maximum extent feasible -- NATO-ized Missile Defense Approach.

¶2. (C) Thus any deviation downward from the four points proposed by the U.S. would cause considerable concern here as we work with the Turks to move forward their crucial participation in Missile Defense.

¶3. (U) Under Secretary Tauscher has cleared this cable.

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